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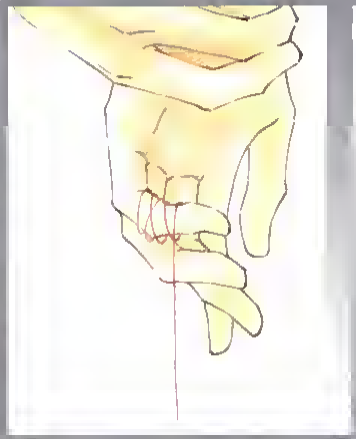

琴裏はお嬢高目の席で初めて言霊を使う
自分の言霊が、このを　近衛を傷つける
ことになるとは知らずに。傷ついた近衛を
守るために、琴裏がした決心は　悲し
みが愛に変わる近衛×琴葉裏クライマックスと、全員裏合のお正月を描いた書裏×前裏&　目の新裏員に絡がる影伊×阿少利裏を収録

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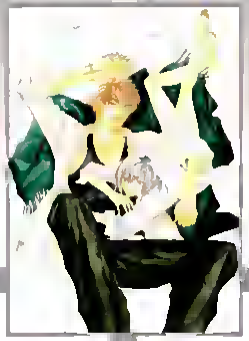

PROFILE

12月09日生まれ。射手座・O型。

趣味　読書。

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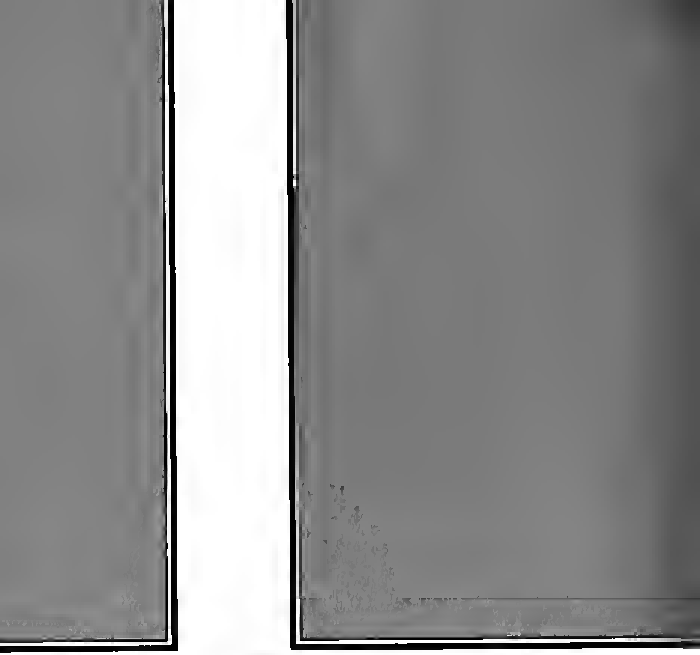

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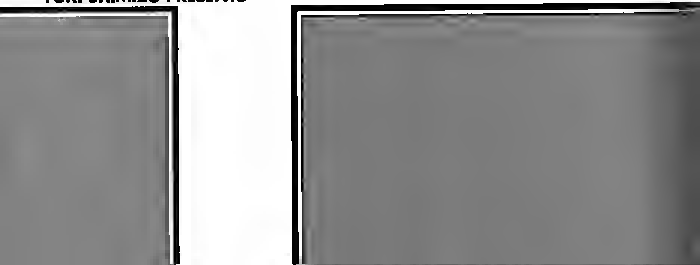


人物紹介

近衛

琴葉の眷獣。もともとは、琴葉の祖父にあたる三刀家史上最強の言霊師・力一の眷獣だった。幼い琴葉の面倒を見るはめになり、そのまま琴葉の世話係に。

三刀琴葉

三刀家で最も強い言霊の力を持つが、自分の言霊を制御できず、幼い頃から三刀本家の座敷牢に閉じ込められて育つ。

三刀彰伊

琴葉の兄で、琴葉より力は劣るものの強い言霊師。

阿沙利

彰伊の眷獣。古い眷獣で女王気質。

吉原和記

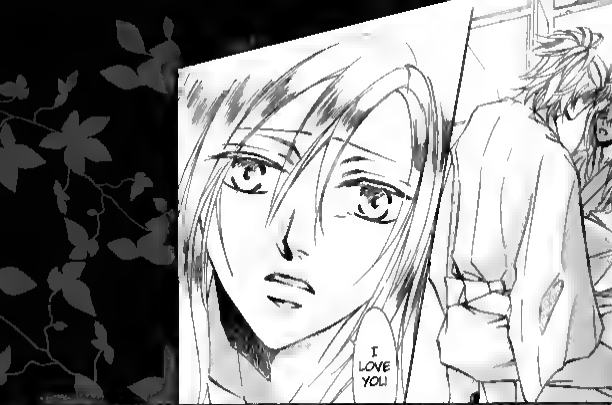
すべての眷獣をつくった人形師。

七川・J・雷蔵

天涯孤独の和記邸ハウスキーパー。紺と両想い。

紺

特定の言霊師を持たない眷獣だが、現在は雷蔵の恋人。



言霊様――三刀家の血を引く者の中に現れる、言葉の力で他人を従わせたり、攻撃したりできる能力を持つ人間。言霊を使うことで、言霊様自身に返ってくるダメージを、身代わりにうけるのが、生ける人形・紙様だ。紙様を作り、メンテナンスをすることができるのは、人形師の和記ただひとり。三刀家最強の言霊師・琴葉は、幼い頃から自分の力を制御出来ないため、三刀本家の座敷牢に閉じ込められ育った。琴葉の面倒を見ているのは、琴葉の紙様・近衛。幼い琴葉を慈しみ育てた近衛に、やがて琴葉は幼い恋心を抱くようになるが、近衛はそれを受け入れない。叶わぬ想いを抱いたまま、琴葉は三刀家当主の座につくことになるが……。

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Kago no Tori wa
The Bird in the Cage
CLEANER
EDITOR
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KOTODAMA MASTER WITH THE STRONGEST POWER WILL BECOME THE NEXT HEAD OF MITOU FAMILY
But Shou-kun, we—
AS BEEN DECIDED, THAT PERSON WOULD BE KOTOHA, NOT ME

THEY JUST DON'T LISTEN NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU REPEAT IT. SO OBSTINATE..
ANOTHER COMPLAINT. AGAIN?
IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH IT PLEASE TALK DIRECTLY TO THE KAMI CREATOR, WAKI.
NOW IF YOU'D EXCUSE ME. THAT WILL BE ALL.
Wait, Shout-kun—
Click
What the hell has that stupid Kanon been doing anyway?
TOLD YOU, YOU SHOULD JUST USE KOTODAMA TO SHUT THEM UP.
GUESS I'LL RESORT TO THAT SOON ENOUGH.
WAKI HAS SUMMONED US.

CEREMONIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW FAMILY HEAD?
...WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ALSO THE TROUBLESOME KOTODAMA MASTERS.
THEY WANT TO KNOW IF THIS KOTOHA WHOM THEY'VE NEVER SEEN AND ONLY HEARD AS A RUMOR...
...OR MORE LIKELY A TRIAL IN DISGUISE?
SO THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT THIS WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

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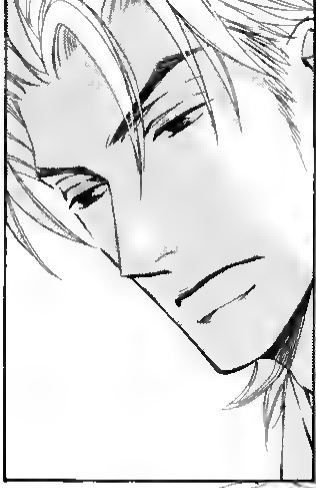

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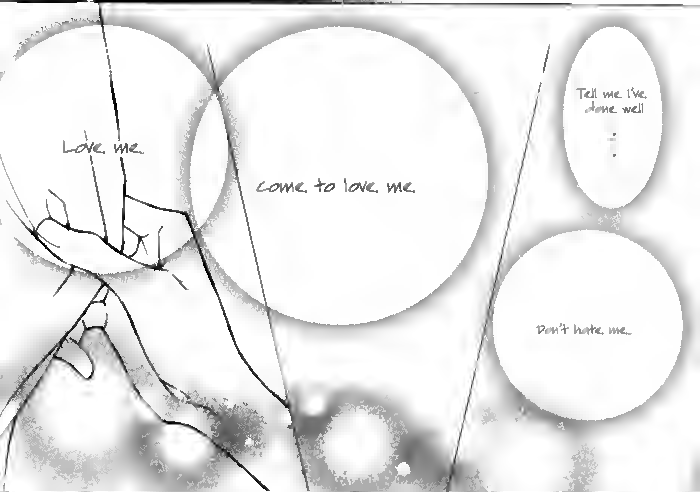
I love you.
I love you.
SINCE I FORBADE HIM FROM SAYING THOSE WORDS
KOTOHA HAS TURNED INTO 'A GOOD BOY'.
HIS TABLE MANNER HAS IMPROVED.
AND HE WOULD DRY HIS HAIR WITHOUT BEING TOLD TO FIRST


Love me.
come to love me.
Tell me I've done well
Don't hate me.

Three words I'd like to convey...
without letting out any sound...
I can hear them
still,
This is fine.
Things should just...
stay this way

YOU LOOK THE REAL DEAL!
OHH!
WHAT'S THIS?
EVEN YOU GUYS ARE HERE, TOO?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? NOT FEELING WELL?
HMM!?

.. BUT WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE NOISY OLD PEOPLE GET SILENCED, YOU KNOW?
WELL, WHOEVER BECOMES THE NEXT HEAD OF THE FAMILY DOESN'T CONCERN US ..
ALL IN ALL, THE ONES WHO OBJECT TO KOTOHA ARE ONLY THOSE ELDERS!
HIS BROTHER SHOU! ALWAYS INSISTS THAT THE FAMILY HEAD SHOULD BE KOTOHA,
WHILE OUKA SISTERS DON'T SEEM TO CARE WHO THE LEADER SHOULD BE.
GENMA AND RYUUSEI FROM THE OUTER FAMILY ..
REALLY DON'T SEEM TO GIVE A DAMN EITHER ☆
ANYWAY, KOTOHA, JUST DO IT!

GUESS WE SHOULD ALSO GO NOW.
Phew
OH WHATEVER... JUST GO ALREADY!
Shoo
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
KOTOHA
LET'S GO OUTSIDE
COME

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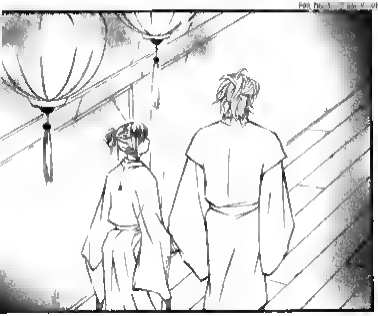

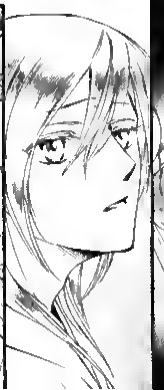

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU'RE SCARED GOING TO A PLACE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE SO IT SHOULD BE FINE RIGHT?
Grab
KONO ……
……
YOU'RE GOING TO BE THERE ALL THE TIME…?
YUP
Phew

CLEANER/EDITOR: FETA

ISN'T THIS GREAT, KOTOHA?
WHEN TODAY'S MEETING IS DONE WITH, YOU'LL BE FREE...
FROM TODAY ON YOU'LL BE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU WANT!

THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?
YEAH !
Finally, I can show the bright world to you
AREN'T YOU HAPPY, KOTOHA?
.....
.....
I'M HAPPY

EVERYBODY ELSE HAVE GATHERED ALREADY.
HURRY UP, COME!
.....
KONO.....
GO NOW, KOTOHA! FOLLOW SHOU!
IT'S OKAY!
I'VE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT, HAVEN'T I?

GO NOW
Tomorrow, even when you can't see me, don't go around restlessly looking for me
Even when you can't see me, I'll surely be there behind you
Don't worry, just look ahead and sit calmly where you should
FINALLY THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY HAS SHOWED UP...
Shouri and Waki will take over and guide you from there

PRESS
PRESS

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WILL HE BE ABLE TO SERVE AS THE HEAD OF THIS MITOU FAMILY?
HE CAN'T EVEN SAY HIS NAME PROPERLY,
.....
IN MY OPINION, SHOUI-KUN OVER THERE WOULD FIT THE POSITION BETTER.
CAN THIS BOY DO NEGOTIATIONS AND WORK DEALINGS AS WELL AS OTHER TASKS IN HIS JOB?!
CONTROLLING OTHER KOTODAMA MASTERS, ASSIGNING WORK TO OTHER PEOPLE..

CLEANER/EDITOR: PETA

WHAT ABOUT THE RULE BEING THE STRONGEST KOTODAMA MASTER TO LEAD THE FAMILY?
I THINK IT WAS ALSO TO AVOID CONFLICTS LIKE THIS
WE KEEP HEARING THAT HE'S STRONG
DOES HE REALLY POSSESS SUCH POWER..?
WE HEARD HE HASN'T EVEN USED KOTODAMA, NOT EVEN ONCE BEFORE, ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T WE VERIFY IT AND LET HIM USE HIS KOTODAMA?
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW
KOTOHA WILL SHOW IT TO US FIRSTHAND.

SFX: RUSTLE

THE DIARY BOOK
IT'LL BE OKAY, KOTOHA YOU CAN READ THESE CHARACTERS, RIGHT?
FIRST YOU SAY IT LIKE THIS
WAK!
.....!

KOTOHA
WHISPER
I was prepared for Kotoha's first night.
But must he do it now out of the blue like this?!
"If you do this well
Kono, too, will surely be pleased."
KONO
will be pleased
If I do well, he'll come to love me ……?

From the katadama I'm about to use now,
The damage I'll receive
The damage I'll receive
First you say it like this.

shall all befall upon the kami named Konoe.

Hanako Yasuhiro 48 years old will die from the rupture of blood vessels in the brain
SFX: RUMBLE
SFX: BAM!

KONO……?
Crumple
KO……
KONO……
Thud

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And then
the caged bird,

once again
into the cage.

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While ones are busy gawking at the absurdness,
in the same manner, a peony..
...also turns into a large flower
At first it's a red plum flower
Yet suddenly it turns into a camellia
A red flower is blossoming

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Stop it!
Don't take him away!

come back, kotoha
Don't die
Don't die!
kotoha

DON'T DIE!
KOTOHA
.....!
Twitch

KOTOHA
……!
Cough
Cough
Spit
KO...
NO...
……
Kotoha, hang on!
KOTOHA
……!

KONO, YOU'RE...
ALL COVERED... WITH WOUNDS AGAIN...
WHY...?
HOW COME...?!
.....
HH.

MY WOUNDS DON'T MATTER!
BAM
I'M A KAMI,
SO EVEN IF MY ARMS AND LEGS GET TORN APART...
...AS LONG AS MY CORE REMAINS INTACT I WON'T DIE!
EVEN AMONG THE OTHER KAMI, I HAVE THE HIGHEST ENDURANCE!

NO...
I DON'T WANT...
...YOU TO FEEL ANY PAIN.
CLUTCH
I'M OKAY!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT I'LL BE OKAY NO MATTER HOW BADLY I GET INJURED?!
I'M HERE FOR THAT PURPOSE,
I EXIST TO PROTECT YOU!!

DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
HOW MUCH I'VE TREASURED YOU ALL THIS TIME, WITH HOW MUCH CARE HAVE I TAKEN CARE OF YOU...
...HAVE YOU NO IDEA?!
KISS...
I've treasured you
since you risked your life for me
ever since that day
I've been cherishing you all this time

...HURT MY CHERISHED PERSON THIS WAY?!
HOW COULD YOU...
THE PERSON I'VE TREASURED...
DON'T YOU DARE TREAT HIM POORLY!
... THE PERSON I'VE BEEN PROTECTING!
...JUST FOR MY SAKE!!
DON'T HURT HIM...
UGH

IT DOESN'T MATTER.....!
IF IT MEANS YOU WON'T GET HURT AND WON'T GET INJURED...
...I'D GLADLY BE HURT INSTEAD!
YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT!!
I DON'T WANT YOU GONE!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR!

KONO……
SHUT UP ALREADY.

All this time
We've cherished each other
We've cared for each other
More than anybody else, even more than ourselves
If you're so set on sacrificing your body, your heart,
and your life
for a man like me
So be it

Whatever you wish for
I, too
Will give you my all
The way you wish it
Kotoha
For you, my precious master...

KONO...
HMM?
BY DOING THIS YOUR WOUNDS WILL MOSTLY BE GONE..
Lick

MY WOUNDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.
EVEN IF YOU LICK IT, IT WON'T HEAL.
Lick Lick
HAHA THAT TICKLES
AHH...
SFX: GRAB
.....NGH

SORRY, IT'S A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE ISN'T IT?
HH
Haa
REALLY, YOU. .
MUST STOP THIS ALREADY. .
FINE, SAY NO MORE!
LET'S STAY LIKE THIS. .
DON'T
KEEP YOURS IN ME
CLEANER/EDITOR: BETA

THAT AND THIS ARE TWO DIFFERENT SITUATIONS!
YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME TO TALK MORE. .
BUT KONO

!
WELL DONE
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR, WAKI?!

whoosh
OINTMENT FOR THE WOUNDS
YOU'LL BE TROUBLED WITHOUT IT, RIGHT?
SFX: TAP
WELL, THANKS I GUESS
KONO……
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE?
NG……
KOTOHA
THANKS FOR YOUR WORK LAST NIGHT

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!
DON'T WORRY, KOTOHA.
NO NEED TO GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT, I WON'T DO ANYTHING...
...TO YOUR PRECIOUS 'KONO'.
HA HA HA!
AT LEAST I WON'T.

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Wait
THE HEAD OF MITOU FAMILY...
..MUST INDEED USE MORE KOTODAMA THAN ANYONE ELSE FOR WORK.
.....
YOU DON'T WANT TO USE KOTODAMA ANYMORE?
.....
IF YOU WON'T FEEL ANY PAIN... I'LL USE IT.

You're really
KOTOHA,
IS THERE A PLACE YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO?
THINGS YOU WANT, OR FOOD YOU WANT TO EAT
ONCE YOU BECOME THE FORMAL FAMILY HEAD, EVERYTHING WILL BE AS YOU WISH
SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO? ANYTHING YOU WANT TO HAVE?
ANY-THING...?
YUP.
KONO.
I'VE BEEN YOURS.
SINCE A LONG TIME AGO, DON'T YOU KNOW?

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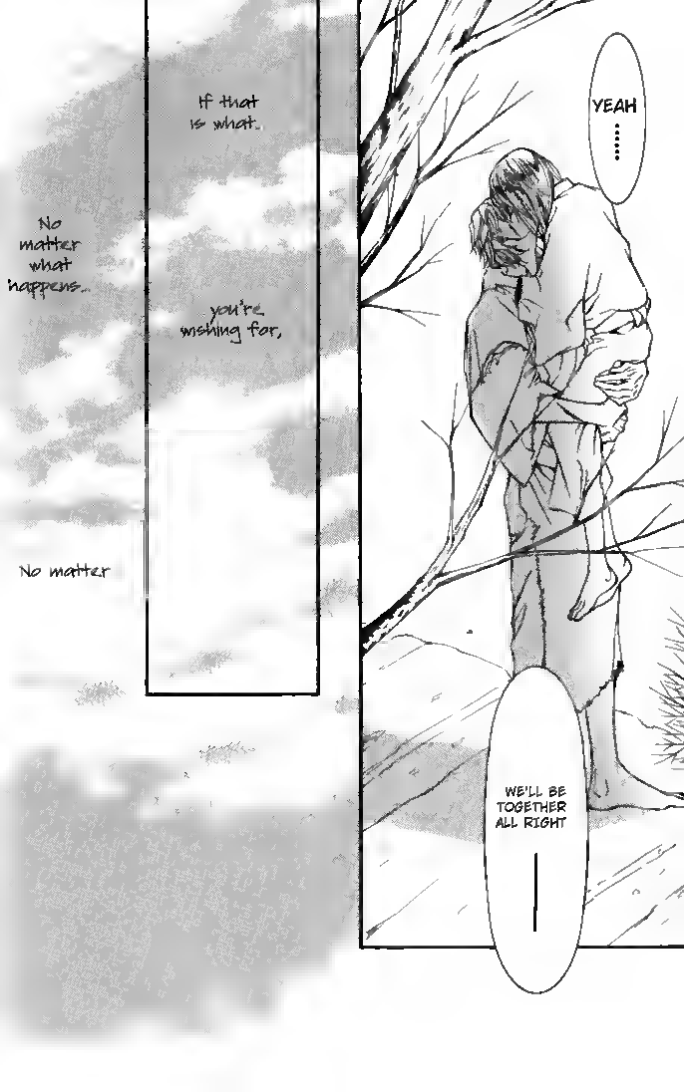
IF I CAN ALWAYS BE...
...TOGETHER WITH YOU ALL THE TIME, THEN THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH...
Even if I won't be able to eat my favorite ice cream
Even if I'll have to stay in a dark room
If I can protect you, then it's fine.
...TO A PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T HAVE TO GET INJURED.
I WANT TO GO .....
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE THE FAMILY HEAD OR ANYTHING.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH ME, IT'S FINE.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS..


If that is what..
No matter what happens..
you're wishing for,
No matter
YEAH.....
WE'LL BE TOGETHER ALL RIGHT

...What I'll have to fight against for it

SO?
YOU SAID YOU WANT TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK
ABOUT WHAT, KONOE?
I WANT TO...
...LEAVE THIS HOUSE WITH KOTOHA.

WON'T WE BE JUST LIKE...
...SHOU! AND ASARI?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO GOING TO DO?
A KID WHO'S DETACHED FROM THE REAL WORLD AND YOUR KAMI SELF,
TOGETHER WITH HIM?
KOTOHA IS THE HEAD OF MITOU FAMILY, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE MAIN HOUSE DESPITE THAT?
HE'LL STEP DOWN FROM THAT POSITION.

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CLEANER/EDITOR: ZETA

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SFX: POP POP POP CRUSH CRUSH
Eek!
SFX: RATTLE RATTLE
ouch...
Haaahh
SHOU!?!

Sareeah
SFX RATTLE
KOTOHA
SLEEP NOW.

Phew
CIAP

IT'S TORN OFF GAUDILY, AGAIN...
WHOA... AMAZING!
THIS IS THE PRICE FOR KOTOHA'S FREEDOM
IS THIS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WISHING FOR, KONOE?

IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY
HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD...
...WHAT KIND OF POWER THIS BOY POSSESSES, NOW?
PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY

IN OTHER WORDS IT'S "GO HOME, PLEASE"... ISN'T IT.
YEAH HE WAS.
...GIVING OUT THREATS ELEGANTLY, WASN'T HE?
YEAH...

TSUKITO! SEIJI!
HURRY UP, COME! LET'S GO BACK.
Really you guys...
HOW LONG DO YOU TWO PLAN TO LOITER AROUND OVER THERE?!
SEIJI,
OUR KOTODAMA POWER..
..IS QUITE A GOOD THING, ISN'T IT?

YUP, BECAUSE THERE'S NO REASON TO WORRY WE'LL EVER HURT THIS CUTE HATSUHI POINTLESSLY.
What are you talking about?
It's nothing.

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HE IMMEDIATELY WENT BERSERK.
SEEING YOUR TORN APART LIMBS,
"Wak put a new seal on kotoha's neck,"
Kotoha!
"So he won't use his kotodama recklessly."
"He's now put in a room with a barrier."

KOTOHA!
SFX: BANG
OUCH
.....
Trip
!?
SFX: THUD!

KOTOHA……
KOTO……
CALM DOWN, I'M FINE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
——UHH
DRIP

KOTOHA
I'M SORRY,
KOTOHA
I'M SORRY
THAT MUST HAVE SCARED YOU

KOTOHA,
I'M NOT HUMAN.
WHEN MY ARMS ARE CUT OFF, WHEN MY LEGS ARE TORN,
I WON'T DIE

IT'S ATTACHED BACK LIKE BEFORE, ISN'T IT?
You can still the marks, though
SEE THIS?

HMM ?
Flap Flap
HH
UGH
Clutch
AHH!
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THIS ON YOU CAN'T SPEAK. .
THAT DAMN WAKI... HOW COULD HE PUT THIS ON YOU..

AH...
I STILL FEEL SLUGGISH.
SORRY KOTOHA,
LET ME LIE DOWN FOR A BIT...
ONCE I WAKE UP WE'LL GO TOGETHER TO WAKI'S
PLACE

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His name is 'Konoe',
a human-like
made of paper
A kamisama

The one you have
with you, 'Kono',
is not human

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID?
...THAT DISASTROUS SCENE WAS THE RESULT OF THAT
AS YOUR REPLACEMENT, KONOE TOOK THE INJURIES YOU MUST ACCEPT WHEN USING KOTODAMA...
"The d name" "receive fr n the kotodama" "I'm about to use now"

From now on, each time you use kotodama
Konoe will be hurt like today
That's the bond between a kami and a kotodama master which can't be broken
"shall all befall upon the kami named Konoe."

TRANSLATIONS:
CLEANER/EDITOR PETA

I'VE TAKEN OFF...
THERE YOU GO
...THE "MOUTH SEALER" LACE.
SFX: THUD
The Black Book
KOTOHA,
NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT WORK, SHALL WE?

Ohhh
THE REAL BUSINESS OF THE MITOU FAMILY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
KOTOHA.

I DON'T WANT KONO TO GET HURT
BECAUSE I'M USING KOTODAMA.
YOU DON'T WANT TO USE KOTODAMA?
SO YOU DON'T WANT TO USE KOTODAMA..
IT'S FINE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
THE THING IS, IN THAT CASE KONOE WILL BE MADE TO DISAPPEAR. .

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...will die.
and disappear.
In other words, if you don't use Kotodama then you won't need Kenoe.
Kami exist to protect their masters from injuries and calamities
It's only right to turn an unused Kami back into Hakushi
Basically, if you don't use Kotodama, then your 'Kono'...
Do you understand what I'm saying?

END
But he will die and disappear
If I don't use kotodama, kono will not feel any hurt or pain
But I can be with him
If I use kotodama, kono will get hurt
I love kono
Love him so much...
That's why...
KOMBAE...
Sorecoh...

SFX: BANG
KOTOHA
!?
The damage I'll receive
from the Kotodama I'm about to use now
SFX RUMBLE

Shall
not
go
any-
where

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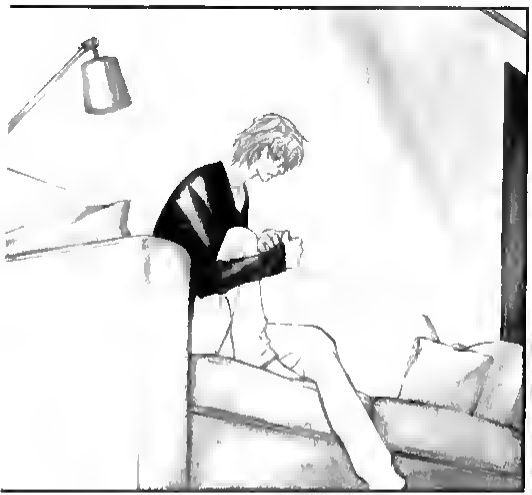

"This thread will bind Asuri"

"It will not come off until comes the day he perishes"...

WAS IT?

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-ZE-
Sudochi

STEPPING DOWN FROM THE POSITION OF THE FAMILY HEAD,
LEAVING MITOU MAIN HOUSE..
AND AFTER LEAVING THIS HOUSE, NOT TAKING JOBS INVOLVING KOTODAMA ANYMORE
THESE ARE ALL KOTOHA'S. THESE ARE ALL THE WISHES OF THE HEAD OF MITOU FAMILY.

KONO!
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW THEY ALL SOUND LIKE NOTHING BUT SELFISH DESIRES. THOUGH.
DID SHOUJI PICK ON YOU?
...SO?

AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE TO HAVE THAT CEREMONIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE THE ELDERS ACCEPT KOTOHA.
IN KOTOHA'S PLACE YOU'LL STEP UP AND BECOME THE FAMILY HEAD,
IS THAT HOW IT'S GOING TO BE, SHOJI?
AND NOW THIS, AFTER ONLY THREE DAYS? WHAT A FARCE
IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY.
"And then?"

I'M NOT SAYING IT WILL BE FOR FREE.
I KNOW THIS IS SELFISH.
I'LL LITERALLY PAY THIS WITH MY BODY.
DON'T JOKE AROUND, KONOE.
YOU TWO WILL ABANDON EVERYTHING AND HAVE YOUR FREEDOM?
I'LL TAKE YOUR WOUNDS IN ASARI'S PLACE.
TO DELAY KOTOHA'S FIRST JOB.
JUST LIKE WHAT WE'D BEEN DOING SECRETLY
I'LL TAKE THE BURDEN OF YOUR USING KOTODAMA, ALSO FOR KOTOHA'S PART, SO ASARI WON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT.
HOW ABOUT THAT?

IT'S A RULE WRITTEN IN STONE THAT "THE WILL OF THE FAMILY HEAD IS ABSOLUTE"
EVEN IF IT'S A FARCE IT MUST BE DONE
BUT I'M RELUCTANT TO DO THIS ONE INDEED
"RELUCTANT", YOU SAY?
EVEN WHEN I CAN TOTALLY FEEL THAT YOU'RE HIDING SOME KIND OF DESIGN FROM ME?
YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE YOUR FATHER IN THIS ASPECT.

I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
OH WELL... IF KOTOHA REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO DO THE JOB SO BADLY,
.....
IF HE WANTS TO LEAVE THE MAIN HOUSE, HE CAN DO THAT, TOO.
Chink
HOWEVER,
Swoosh

I'LL JUST TURN KONOE WHO WILL SOON BECOME USELESS...
...BACK INTO HAKUSHI.
!
YOU MUSTN'T!

!
SFX: STAB
SFX: POP-POP-POP-CRASH-CRASH
Kotoha !
Konoe !
UGH

YOU TOO! WAKI!
CALM DOWN! DON'T FALL FOR WAKI'S PROVOCATION EVERY TIME!
IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR NASTINESS IN CONTROL, YOU'LL GET HATED FOR REAL!
HA
HA
EH?
BUT IT'S THE ONLY LITTLE FUN THIS OLD, LONELY PERSON COULD GET, YOU KNOW?
DON'T LET HIM SNAP LIKE THAT EVERY SINGLE TIME!
...KONOE! HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU SPENT ON TEACHING KOTOHA?!

HOW IS THAT MY FAULT?!
WAKI,
I TAKE IT THAT YOU'RE REALLY OKAY WITH ME...
...TAKING KOTOHA'S PLACE AS THE FAMILY HEAD?
WELL, NOBODY REALLY EXPECTED KOTOHA TO BE THE HEAD TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?
SO I SUPPOSE IT'S ALRIGHT.
I UNDERSTAND.
IN THAT CASE, FROM NOW ON I ASK TO BE HEARD AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.
KOTOHA, YOU WANT KONOE TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE?

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YOU WANT TO STAY WITH KONOE?
I DO!
I WANT TO STAY WITH HIM, ALWAYS!!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GIVE YOU AN ORDER AS THE FAMILY HEAD.
USE YOUR KOTODAMA, SHOW US HERE AND NOW THAT YOU REALLY NEED YOUR KAMI WITH YOU.
EVEN ONCE IS OKAY, DO THE JOB FOR THE LAST TIME.
IF YOU CAN DO THIS, YOU'LL BE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU WANT

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU?
Kami exist to protect their masters
Kami's purpose is to heal their masters by taking their wounds upon themselves
Even when their limbs get torn off while taking over the injuries, as long as Waki and the ointment for their wounds are around, they'll easily return to normal in no time.
I DON'T WANT TO SAY WORDS THAT WILL BRING PAIN TO HIM.
BUT... I DON'T WANT KONO TO FEEL PAIN...

KOTOHA, FOR US KOTODAMA MASTERS, WORDS ARE INDEED OUR WEAPONS AND ATTACKING FORCE.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND A WEAPON, DEPENDING ON HOW IT IS USED, CAN WORK AS A SHIELD TO PROTECT OURSELVES INSTEAD.
NOT ONLY THAT,
WITHIN THE WORDS WE UTTER THERE IS A 'POWER' TO PROTECT OUR KAMI.
I can..
-protect kono?

KOTOHA,
USE YOUR KOTODAMA.
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
Use your head, Kotoha.
閻魔帳
Choose your words.
Within the words we utter there is a 'power' to protect our kami
I will...

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Avoid directly saying words like 'die.'
The wounds and calamities I'll receive from the Kotodama I'm about to use now,
choose your words
shall all befall upon the Kama named Kotoe.
The flow of blood,
the beat of the heart,
Use your head

For example...
people will easily die.
Even if you only make them work slower,
His body temperature will go down slowly; his blood will also get colder.
Takami Shunichi, 52 years old,

SFX; RUMBLE BAM
It'll be a clod that can no longer flow.

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KONO
OKAY, O—KAY...
IF YOU GUYS WANT TO MAKE OUT, GET AWAY FROM HERE NOW. IT'S ANNOYING.

SEE YA.

AH……
NO…! WHAT AM I GONNA DO…
…ABOUT THIS ROOM?

"IN PLACE OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, SHOUI WILL TAKE THE POSITION OF THE FAMILY HEAD"...
SO IT'S "DUE TO SOME MENTAL CONDITION, KOTOHA WILL BE CONFINED AT THE MAIN HOUSE AND BE TAKEN CARE OF THERE. HE WON'T SHOW HIMSELF IN PUBLIC EVER AGAIN."
THERE'S ANOTHER THING, ASARI.
I'M PLANNING ON CUTTING DOWN KOTODAMA JOBS FROM NOW ON.
THOSE TWO WILL LEAVE THE MAIN HOUSE AND STAY IN A PLACE THAT GENMA WILL ARRANGE FOR THEM,
THAT'S THE REAL PLAN.
WELL, YOU KNOW IF WE DON'T COME UP WITH SOMETHING, WE WON'T STOP HEARING FROM THE ELDERS.
Ah right that guy is a realtor
I SEE...

THIS IS...
...MY DECISION AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

YO!

TSUKI.
SE!
YUP, ♡ HERE, YOUR HOUSE WARMING GIFT.
WHOA!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU IN WESTERN CLOTHES BEFORE
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
TSUKITO, SEIJI,
TO DO NAUGHTY THINGS TO YOUR NEW HOUSE (AND KOTOHA)? (SNICKER)
Ah! Konoe, you cut your hair. Looks plain (snicker)
GO HOME! HURRY UP AND GO BACK! GO BACK RIGHT NOW!!

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AH, WELL YOU SEE, SOMEONE...
...DESTROYED MY PLACE, SO...
OF COURSE I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO MOVE, BUT I SUPPOSE THIS WOULD BE MY TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WHILE MY PLACE'S GETTING REPAIRED.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SNICKER

GUESS IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO BACK, TSUKITO.
YOU'RE RIGHT. BESIDES, HATSUHI IS WAITING FOR US AT HOME.
BYE, KONOE. GOOD LUCK!
THANKS FOR LEAVING SO FAST!
NIGHT TIME
HAAH...
I CAN'T BELIEVE WAKI MOVED IN WITH US...
The Kawai creator who want to fuse of
Way overpowered

Ah well, I guess it's okay
After all, Katoha has gotten his freedom
...MM, HEY!
Hiccup
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?!
Alcohol
!?
CASSIS
CASSITAIL
JUICE. TSUKI GAVE ME...
Hiccup
.....
UGH...
Hiccup
.....
THIS IS NOT JUICE!
IT'S SOMETHING TOO SOON FOR YOU TO DRINK!

MMM?
Pounce
MM?
HM?
AH
KOTOHA?
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
NIBBLE
COME ON, DON'T JOKE AROUND
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SLEEP
BITE
BITE
I WON'T TASTE GOOD EVEN IF YOU EAT ME, YOU KNOW?

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そして 波風ごときめいて…
君の白に成らせて…
BL
TSUKI AND SEI…
…SHOWED ME A LOT OF STUFF…
WON'T YOU PUT YOUR DICK IN ME ALREADY?
……KONO……
Cum
Erect
Fuck
S/M Threesome
DON'T YOU DIRTY-TALK ME SO FLUENTLY!
…I CAN'T SAY THAT?
YOU'LL HATE ME…?
……
Hiccup
Those Twins
Damn horny Beasts!

I WON'T...
HAAH
BUT TO SUDDENLY HEAR YOU TALK DIRTY LIKE THAT
GIVES ME THE SHIVERS!
YOU HATE ME?
TOLD YOU, I WON'T HATE YOU.
KONO.
KO...
KONOE.
HH
...YOU LOVE ME?

Konoe
YOU, SAYING THAT, NOW,
THAT'S FOUL PLAY.
UH.
AH!
DAMN IT!
I DO LOVE YOU!

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Thrust
Poke ...
KONO.
HMM?
IT HURTS?
Twitch
NH
AH.
AHH
Squish
Squish

STUPID
IF I DON'T GET MORE FIRST, I CAN'T ENTER
I JUST GOT ONLY ONE FINGER IN, YOU KNOW?
I WANT KONO..
I WANT KONOE'S..
NOT……
FINGERS……
Squelch
……
WELL…
NEEDS MORE…? ENOUGH…?
Open
HOW ABOUT LIKE THIS……?

FOOL!
DON'T ROUSE ME SO!
KONOE……
Poke
Squelch
NGH!

KONO
.....
KONOE!
AH..
I'd always
been afraid
of the day
when you'd
start calling
me 'Konoe'
KONOE
KONOE
—
But now
I'm so happy you're
calling me that
It feels so good

That's why, call me more, Kotoha
Konoe
Konoe
Always, do so,
In this brightness,
KONOE
……
NOE
……
KONOE

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Let there always be light ——————

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NO, I ABSOLUTELY WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND IT.
I WANT TO SIT THERE TOO

SAY, THIS TIME OF THE YEAR
SHOULDN'T THE FAMILY HEAD STAY AT THE MAIN HOUSE?
BECAUSE ASARI WANTS TO COME HERE
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
BESIDES, WITH THE PUPPETEER AROUND IT'LL EASE MY WORRIES A BIT.

HAVEN'T BEEN BULLIED BY GENMA?
LAST TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER WAS DURING MAINTENANCE. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE THEN, HIMI.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
I WILL ALWAYS STAND ON YOUR SIDE.
IF YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF YOU CAN COME TO ME ANYTIME.
reach

I'M CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL KAMIS.
ASARI HAS ALWAYS LOVE HIMI IN PARTICULAR.
BUT HIMI IS SPECIAL...
ASARI
HIS SITUATION IS A BIT WORRISOME
BECAUSE HIS KOTODAMA MASTER IS "THAT TYPE" OF PERSON.
HIRGH
CRACK

I feel a strong killing aura beside me
A killing aura..!
IF MY WORDS HAVE ANY EFFECT THE SITUATION WON'T TURN OUT LIKE THIS.
...THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GENMA'S TURN TO DESTROY THE HOUSE?
...YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.
AS ASARI'S KOTODAMA MASTER YOU SHOULD DISCIPLINE HIM MORE
DINNER WILL BE SERVED NOW.
SORRY TO KEEP EVERYONE WAITING!
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Saved~
AMAZING~! LOOKS DELICIOUS~
NONSENSE! I'M VERY HAPPY TO PREPARE SO MUCH FOOD.
IN TRUTH, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I CELEBRATE NEW YEARS WITH SO MANY PEOPLE...
Passing New Years Eve inside a chilly room
YOU'RE SO TALENTED AT YOUR YOUNG AGE.
It's always just grandma and I
A quiet New Years Eve.
YOU ONLY JUST RETURNED AND WERE ABLE TO PREPARE SUCH A FEAST; IT MUST BE HARD ON YOU.
UNTIL I CAME HERE, I NEVER KNEW WE CAN HAPPILY WELCOME THE NEW YEAR LIKE THIS.

IT'S NOT HARD ON ME IN THE LEAST BIT.
UN, RIGHT! YOU ARE SUCH A GOOD CHILD, RAIZOU!
COME, TO CHANGE TO SOMETHING MORE ENTERTAINING,
WE SHOULD PLAY A GAME.
PRETEND KONOE IS A TARGET, SHOOT ANYWHERE OUTSIDE HIS BODY.
You lose if you hit him
AH
STOP JOKING!
H
STOP HIM RIGHT NOW
SHOU!!

FINISHED, FINISHED.
RAIZOU, BRING THE ALCOHOL HERE-
I'LL HAVE TO TROUBLE YOU TO BRING IT TO MY ROOM
OH, OKAY
TURN
DON'T BLATANTLY IGNORE ME!
LET ME GO---
CHEW
CHEW

*ZOUNI RICE CAKES COOKED WITH VEGETABLES
TOSO NEW YEAR'S SPICED SAKE MOCHI RICE CAKES
NEW YEAR'S DINNER IS ALL PREPARED.
ZOUNI, TOSO AND MOCHI ARE PREPARED. TOMORROW WE'LL HAVE A FEAST.*
!
KON, IT'S SNOWING!
SNOWING!

!!!
Tight hug
.....
WILL IT COLLECT?
FINALLY WE CAN BE ALONE JUST THE TWO OF US.

第四十一話 睦言は雪の後で

So cute ♡
Tight hug
BEEN AGES SINCE WE SLEPT ON THIS BED.
I DEFINITELY FEEL MORE AT EASE HERE.
I...STILL LIKE IT BETTER WHEN WE WERE LIVING ALONE AT THAT PLACE.
.....
RETURNING HERE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN CALL ON YOU...
THEN YOU WON'T BE MINE ALONE.

KON.
KISSING TOO... WE CAN ONLY DO THAT IN PRIVATE.
that is
.....
YOU LOOKED VERY HAPPY,
AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT LONELY THAT'S GOOD.
AS LONG AS YOU
DON'T WORRY,
SMILE LIKE THAT,
IT'S GOOD.

I LIKE YOU
I LIKE YOU THE MOST.
KON,
FACE ME
NO MATTER WHEN,
AS LONG AS KON'S WITH ME,
AS LONG AS IT'S LIKE THIS I WILL BE HAPPILY
SMILING WITHOUT END
—

UN……
NN……
NN……

HA
HA
YOU FEEL THE SAME, RIGHT?
ME TOO, ...
KON-KUN
KON-KUN
kiss
I'M REALLY HAPPY
LIVING JUST WITH
AH
I WAS ANXIOUS TOO LEAVE YOU ALONE
WHEN I WAS TAKING CLASSES IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND LEFT OUR HOUSE,

I CAN...
...WATCH OUR HOUSE..
...BY MYSELF.
HNN.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
BUT I'M STILL ANXIOUS.
I JUST DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL LONELY.
Grab
HERE...
TSK...
Rise

AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO RETURN TO THE PLACE,
WHERE WAKI-SAN AND KONOE-SAN
CAN PROTECT YOU IF THERE'S NEED TO?
Tousle
DON'T...
TALK... ANY-MORE...
HA
HA
HIM.

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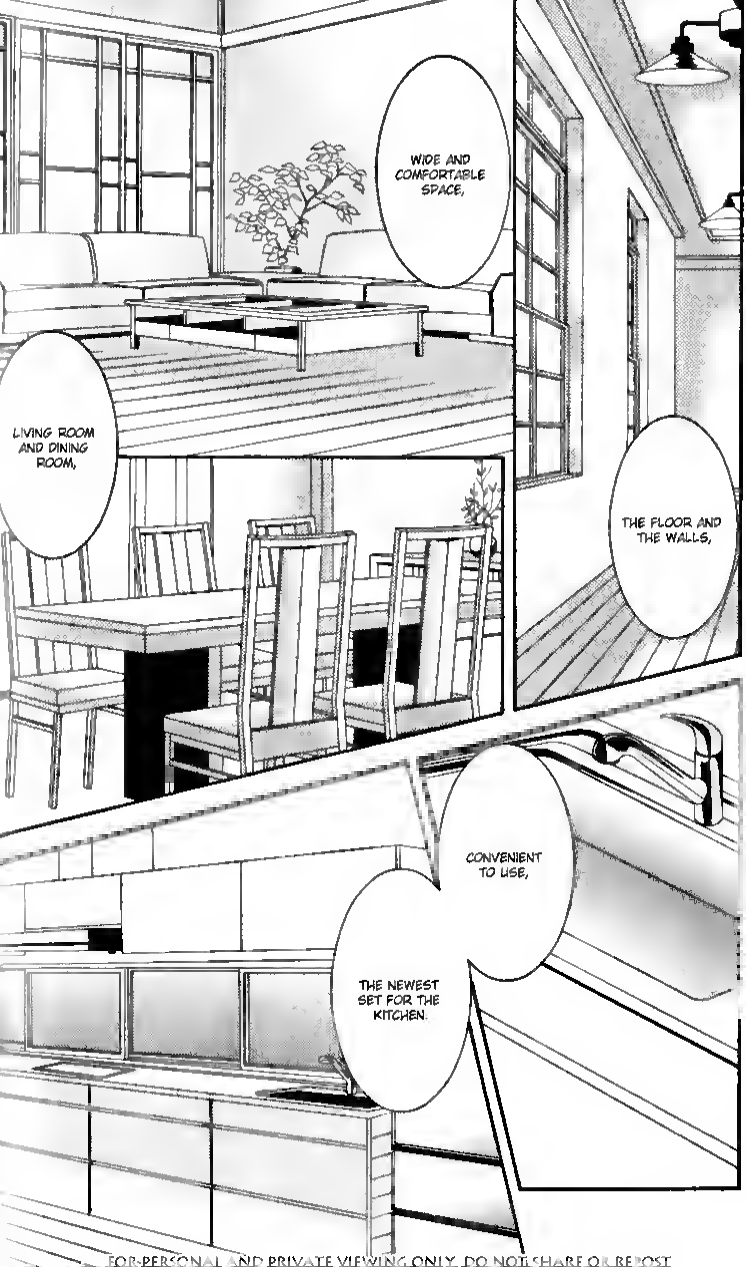
LET ME ENTER..
I'M ALREADY AT MY LIMIT..
KON,
HAA
HAA
thrust
HAA
...NM
spread

thrust in
pull out
NGH
KON...
.....
KON, YOU ALRIGHT...?
UN...
THIS ..
RAIZOU'S .. ISN'T COMPLETELY INSIDE ..
There's still a part outside.


WIDE AND COMFORTABLE SPACE,
LIVING ROOM AND DINING ROOM,
THE FLOOR AND THE WALLS,
CONVENIENT TO USE,
THE NEWEST SET FOR THE KITCHEN.

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BUT IT'S STILL SO TIGHT...
I'M ALREADY USED TO YOUR SIZE...
BUT...
IT'S STILL BETTER TO WAIT A WHILE..
EVEN SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S ALRIGHT...
YOU CAN..
MN
NGH
thrust
deep thrust
SFX: RELEASE
AH...

AH..
SORRY KON'
Tissue
Tissue
Got it on his face again
MN'

Cute and bold,
Caring towards me more than anyone,
My gentle kami
Next year, the year after, from now until forever,
I wish to welcome every new year with you in happiness

Gumma...
UGH.
YOU MUST PAY OFF THE EXACT AMOUNT, NO LESS, KONOE.
ALSO THE BATHROOMS UNDERWENT MAJOR CHANGES.
KON, LOOK! AMAZING!
THE FAUCET IS SO BRIGHT AND SHINY!
Today-

It s New Years Eve with a few hours left until the New Year
The repairs for more than half of the house Kotoha destroyed were finally finished
Kon and I returned to Waki-san s place
HAA,
WHAT A RELIEF TO HAVE THE REPAIRS DONE WITHIN THE MONTH.
WAKI-SAN
RAIZOU-KUN, IT MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE OF ME TO ASK THIS OF YOU WHEN YOU JUST RETURNED,
CAN YOU PREPARE ME SOME ALCOHOL?

HOLD IT!
ALCOHOL CAN WAIT
MAINTENANCE FOR THIS GUY (MORIYA) FIRST
EH-?
"EH" WHAT!
THAT IS YOU JOB AS THE PUPPETEER RIGHT!?

IT'S FINE TO DO IT NEXT YEAR
AFTER NEW YEARS, TOGETHER WITH OUKA'S SIBLINGS...
WHO HAS THE STRENGTH TO COME RUNNING BACK HERE ALL THE TIME!
THANKS TO THAT BOSS WHO ALWAYS LOVES PUTTING WORK ONTO OTHERS, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO COME AGAIN
AND THAT UNCLE HIMSELF IS CONSTANTLY ON LEAVE WITH HIMI-SAN
...RYUUSEI-SAMA
RYUUSEI...
OH?

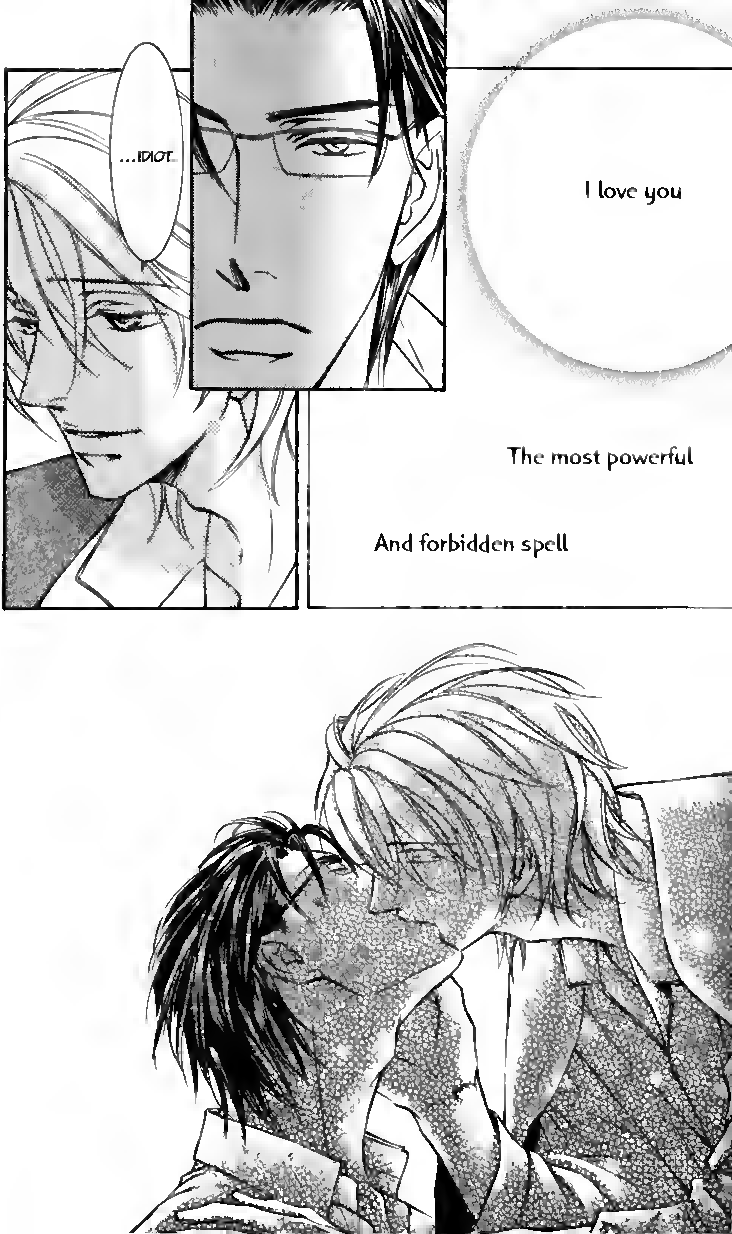
LETS...DRINK UP SHALL WE?
UNCLE WAS HERE-!? SCARY
I GUARANTEE YOU'LL BE DRUNK ENOUGH TO PASS THROUGH NEW YEARS MISERABLY AT HOME.
HE WAS HERE ALL ALONG
TH-THAT'S!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU CAN DRINK HERE
I WILL PREPARE LOTS OF DELICIOUS DISHES TO GO ALONG WITH IT!
If we drink here, there is no controlling
TSK
WAKI-SAN, YOUR ALCOHOL,
I WILL PREPARE WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THE MAINTENANCE.

RAIZOU-
I WANT EGG ROLLS THE SWEET ONES
OKAY.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR DESSERT..
ICE CREAM ♡
GENMA
SINCE WE WERE INVITED,
WHY NOT?
AHH. IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THE LAST JOB OF THE YEAR WILL BE MAINTENANCE FOR MORIYA

INSTEAD OF THE WARM SAKE, PREPARE ME THE TOP BREW OF COLD SAKE.
YOU CAN TAKE CHARGE ON THE DISHES,
RAIZOU-KUN.
YES!
AH- THE NEW SOFA IS SO COMFORTABLE.
I HAVEN'T HAD RAIZOU'S HOME BREW TEA FOR A LONG TIME.

AM ABLE TO BIND YOU?
...NOT GOING TO USE KOTODAMA TO BIND ME?
On top of the intertwining small red thread

I LOVE YOU.
ASARI.


...IDIOT.
I love you
The most powerful
And forbidden spell

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cha
suck
.....
slurp
cha

squish
squish
drip
slide in
HA
HA
MN
lick
lick
lick
lick

SHOUI-
NN...
Haa...

thrust
thrust
thrust
rub

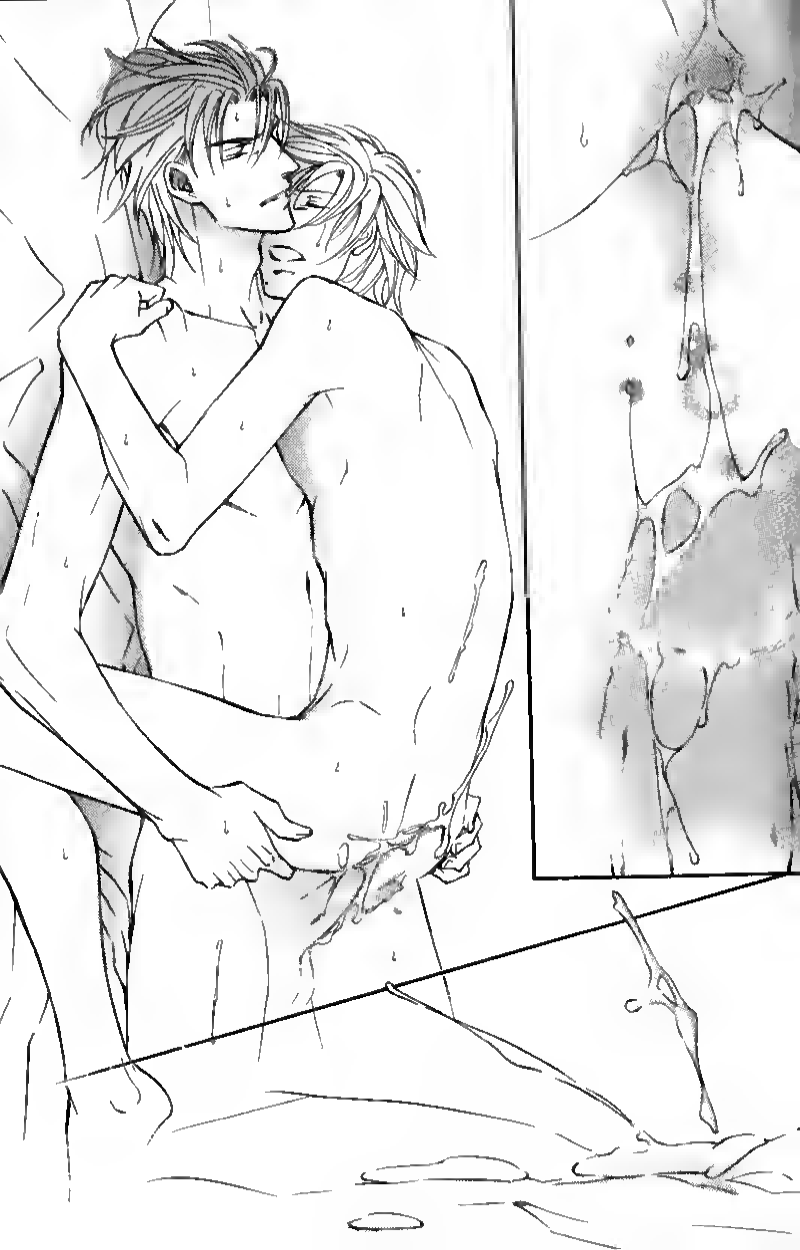
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

HA
SLURP
HA
SFX THRUST
LIN
AH...

Holding tightly to your hand that wants to let go and escape, not letting you leave.

ASARI
ASARI
squish
squish
squish
...MN

AH
UN..
AH
thrust
thrust
.....!
...NN



rise

That day, I tied it on a whim.
this red thread
It was meant as a joke.
That severe spell
"REPLACE THE RED THREAD" ...HUH.
Until the end comes it will not come loose!
This thread will bind Asari!
THERE'S WORDS INSIDE .. IF IT'S SOMETHING "I LOVE YOU" OR WHATEVER I'LL LAUGH MYSELF TO DEATH...

T/N: IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THIS IS A MARRIAGE VOW

A vow for two worlds*
二世の契を誓う
I love you
My vow for two worlds
Even if I die, my heart will never change...
Together with you into the next world

THIS...
WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION DID HE USE TO ETCH THIS ON?
YOU DUMMY...
-but

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Only once in its lifetime, before a kami returns to blank paper it will shed tears

第四十二話_二世の契

-ZE-

Pieces dancing like falling white flower petals-

Being alone
Is like dying
Leaving you behind
Is like dying
I'm yours kami.
Asaru
It won't come off until it wears out
I'll bend you with this thread.
WHO
I love you.
I love you.

Shoui !
Shoui ..... !

Shou
MN...

-ASARI...?

ASARI-
I don't want to leave
I don't want to leave you behind...
Shoui
第九巻へつづく

アトガキ

こんにちは志水ゆきです。ここまで読んで下さりありがとうございます。早いもので『是』も８巻目でございます。今回まとまりました近衛＆琴葉編では近衛の男前度をいかに上げるか？と、琴葉の逆言葉攻めがテーマでしたが、近衛はちゃんと男として皆様に認めて頂けたでしょうか？また『お父さん』な近衛を落とす為に琴葉ががんばる話でもありました。近衛は『是』の中で一番まっとうな男なだけに、なかなか一線を越えてくれないので、私も琴葉も苦労しました。

それから阿沙利がイチオシの方には大変申し訳ないのですが、ついに白紙になってしまいました。我ながらなんて極悪な次巻へのヒキ…とは思いますが、大丈夫です！どんな形にせよ彰伊と読んで下さる皆様を幸せにするべくがんばります。どんな形に納まるか…次巻もお付き合い頂けると嬉しいです。

嬉しいといえば、なんと近衛＆琴葉編もドラマCDにして頂ける事になりました！これも読んで下さる皆様のおかげです。本当にありがとうございます。本編のマンガはもちろん、CDやペーパー等もっともっと楽しんで頂けるようがんばります。

今後の参考にさせて頂きますので、ご意見ご感想リクエスト等ございましたらぜひともお聞かせ願えればと思います。皆様からの感想がなによりの励みです。かなりお待たせしてしまうのですが『お返事下さい』と一筆下さった方には（ペライですが；；）ペーパーをお送りしております。何分仕事優先で本当に返信が遅いのですが、それでもよろしければぜひ。

そして最後になってしまいましたが今回もお礼を！
いつも本当に、とてもがんばってくれるアシスタントさんたち…毎回の修羅場でも私以上にがんばってくれて、本当に感謝してます！
それからこちらも毎回ご迷惑、ご心配をかけまくり…で本当にすみません；；担当松元様。頼りにしております。
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そしてなにより、読んで下さったあなたに、最大級の感謝をこめて！ありがとうございました！次巻も楽しんで頂けるようがんばります！！それではまた。

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奇跡は――――起きる。

俺が、起こす。

たった一人の、
俺の紙(かみ)様のために――!!!
うだうだ言ってないで
さっさと再生しろ!!
-ZE-
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Strongly, strongly.

Until, that
time arrives-

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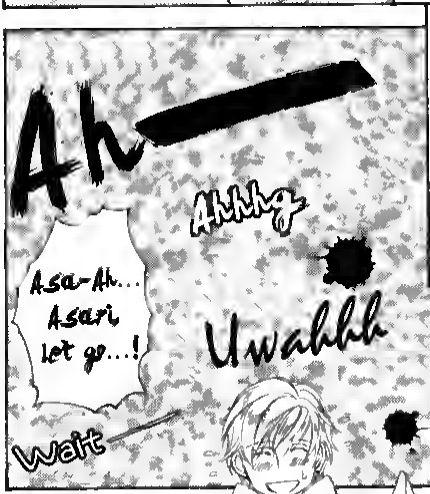
Creak
AH- FRESHENED UP-
THE BATH WAS ALSO RENOVATED,
IT BECAME SO BEAUTIFUL, SHOU!

WHAT NOW, THIS IS RARE.
YOU WOULD DRINK SO MUCH,
IF YOU GET A HANG OVER TOMORROW I WON'T CARE FOR YOU.



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YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO RUIN THE MOOD
ASARI
WHAT?
GET DOWN FIRST..
WHY?
I WANT TO GET SOMETHING FROM MY POCKET.
HN?

USE THIS
TO REPLACE THE RED THREAD.